



Madame Chiang Kai-shek is escorted to a reviewing stand by Captain William F. Amsden, commandant of the Navy Auxiliary Training School at Hunter College. She watched a dress parade of Waves, Spars and Marine auxiliaries.

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MME. CHIANG VISITS SCHOOL FOR WAVES

Reviews Dress Parade of 2,200 Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Auxiliaries at Hunter

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Wife of Generalissimo Also Inspects Mess, Barracks, Gets Gift of Orchids

The Chinese flag flew high yesterday at the Navy Auxiliary Training School at Hunter College in the Bronx. A special two-decker reviewing stand on the drill field boasted a plush armchair. Policemen stood guard on the roofs of the campus buildings, double shore patrols were posted at each gate.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek in her first public appearance since she returned from her Western tour, was "piped aboard" to review a full dress parade of 2,200 Waves, Spars and Marine auxiliaries.

Over the grass wet with rain, for twenty minutes uniformed women marched past China's First Lady, who stood between Lieut. Comdr. Mildred H. McAfee, director of the Waves, and Captain W. F. Amsden, commander of the school. In the background 2,500 "boots," the new recruits, dressed in mufti, watched the review and listened to the forty-piece male station band.

Madame Chiang wore navy colors. Her dress, of Oriental style with slit skirt, was dark blue with white figures. Over it she had a navy blue coat. A navy veil covered her face and formed a bow in the back of hair. Silver earrings covered with brilliants gleamed under the veil.

Orchids School Gift

First person to be introduced formally to the visitor was blonde, 7-year-old Samuel Wood Bryant, known to his second-grade classmates as "Woody." He is the grandson of Captain Amsden, and the captain made the introduction just after Madame Chiang walked up a small red-carpeted ramp to the stand. Second Class Seaman Betty Joe Allen of Colorado Springs, Col., then presented her with two orchids in behalf of the school's personnel.

While Madame Chiang and the entire assemblage stood at attention as the Chinese national anthem was played, Hollington Tong, Vice Minister of Information for China, held the orchids. Later, Madame Chiang wore them when she visited the captain's office.

The second half of her visit was unexpected, as officials thought she would be tired and leave following her talk with the captain. But she asked to see the mess hall and to visit the barracks. She appeared interested in the entire school.

"She asked us many things a long time," reported Captain Amsden.

As Madame Chiang herself remarked later, while inspecting barracks at 2766 University Avenue, "I believe in asking questions, whether rhetorical or not."

Inspects Barracks Room

In the barracks she showed much interest in mattresses. "May I take a look?" she asked, walking into the room. She lifted sheets and blankets and, smiling at Commander McAfee, made a reference to the softness of the mattress as compared to those at Wellesley.

As she stepped into the car to drive off with Commander McAfee, Madame Chiang said to Captain Amsden, "Tell the Waves and the Marines and the Coast Guard I think they're grand." She made no formal speech to the auxiliaries.

The ceremony was the most elaborate held thus far at the station. Even photographers and reporters were not allowed to walk a step without a special escort apiece. In the reviewing stand sat senior officers of all the training schools in the country who are in New York for a conference.

Lieutenant E. G. Rigby, commandant of the seamen at the station; Mrs. James V. Forrestal, wife of the Under-Secretary of the Navy, and Captain Kenneth G. Castleman, of the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, were also in the reviewing stand.